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         PLANE OF AN OPTICAL PIPE AND PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS  
         USING SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.